

QUORN SWIMMING POOL

*Opening Day
Souvenir*

11th May 1974

Best Wishes
Jackie Brown

The Quorn Swimming Pool

In December 1970 a public meeting was held at the Rawlins School to discuss the possibility of raising money to build a swimming pool for Quorn. The meeting was addressed by Mr. Mallory, the Principal of Hind Leys School and Community College, Shepshed, who described how Shepshed had built its pool and its cost. The meeting decided to set up a Committee under the aegis of the Rawlins Community College for the purpose of giving Quorn a pool on the Rawlins site.

In January 1971 a committee was formed representative of various local groups in Quorn and its first meeting was held in February. Policy was worked out, i.e. that we should build in stages, an open pool being the first stage, to be used by St. Bartholomew's School and Rawlins School by day in term time and available for the general public at other times, and various schemes for raising money were suggested and later implemented.

Towards the end of 1972 it was clear that building costs were rising so fast that we must act quickly and tenders were obtained from a number of firms for a 25 metre pool. These showed that we should be between four and five thousand pounds short, but fortunately we were able to obtain interest free loans from a number of private individuals and the remainder from the County Council, with the help of people willing to guarantee the loan; and to all these people we are extremely indebted. The tender of Home Pools Ltd., Oadby, for £18,248 was accepted in Spring 1973. We were fortunate to have the help of a member of the committee, Mr. Geoffrey Potter, the County Surveyor, and of the County Architect's staff, in vetting and negotiating tenders.

The pool was built during the Autumn Term of 1973, and we had an 'unofficial' opening on the last Saturday in October, when a number of children and a smaller number of adults had a rather chilly but very gay, free swim.

In the early part of 1974 a Management Committee, representative of local interests, was set up under the chairmanship of Mr. Andrew Hunt, Principal of Rawlins School and Community College. We are grateful that the Chairman of the Parish Council and a representative of the Charnwood District Council are among those who have agreed to serve on this committee, which will organise the public use of the pool.

Acknowledgements

The Swimming Pool Committee in the last three years has organised a number of money-making events and is grateful for the support it has received from people in Quorn and to the shopkeepers who have displayed our posters and made us gifts.

We are grateful, too, to the following organisations which have raised money for us: The Festival Players (Loughborough); the Jean Kent School of Dancing; the Leicester Magic Circle; Pearl's Ltd., Loughborough, (Fashion Shows); Quorn Football Club; Quorn Charities Darts League; Quorn Guides and Brownies. We especially wish to thank all those individuals who have organised events and helped in any way.

The pupils and staff of St. Bartholomew's School who organised a sponsored swim and a concert, and of the Rawlins School who organised three sponsored walks have raised over £3,000.

We would thank, also, those who have joined the 150 Club, and those in Quorn, Anstey and other villages who were agents for or members of the Tote.

Donations

As well as a number of private individuals, too numerous to mention and many of whom prefer to remain anonymous, who have made us a donation, we gratefully acknowledge donations from the following bodies:—Leicestershire County Council, Barrow upon Soar R.D.C.; Quorn Parish Council; Messrs. Redland Roadstone Ltd.; Riker Laboratories; Rawlins Old Girls' Association; The Community College and Rawlins Parent /Teachers Association.

Finally we would acknowledge the kindness of M. Wright and Sons Ltd., in allowing us to put up our board on the wall of their premises, and of the Press, and particularly the Editor of 'Quorn News', for space and publicity.

The Future

The Immediate Future

1. There is still a debt of just over £2,000 remaining, and we must hope for further donations and continued support to repay this in the next year or so.

2. The Management Committee is still anxious to hear of more people willing to act as attendants and stewards during the public sessions of the pool.

The more Long-term Future

The cost of covering the pool, so that it can be used all the year round, and of building separate changing accommodation will clearly be beyond the resources of the present Fund Raising Committee; and we must hope that at some future time public funds will be made available for this purpose.

The best way in which the people of Quorn and district can help is by using the pool frequently and responsibly, so that the need for spending public money to complete the work becomes strongly felt.

Committee Members

Fund Raising Committee

Miss M. E. Sawdon (<i>Chairman</i>)	107b Meeting Street, Quorn
Mr. W. J. B. Beardsley (<i>Treasurer</i>)	New Quorn House, Quorn
Mr. G. Colley	88 Warwick Avenue, Quorn
Professor D. C. Freshwater	5 Chestnut Close, Quorn
Mr. D. Goodman	35 Toller Road, Quorn
Mr. E. Halford	45 Barrow Road, Quorn
Mr. T. K. Herring	Rawlins School
Mr. A. K. B. Jeyes	10 Soar Road, Quorn
Mrs. Lord	19 Beacon Avenue, Quorn
Mr. J. Lord	1 Harrington Close, Quorn
Mrs. Miller	77 Meeting Street, Quorn
Mr. M. V. Morton	St. Bartholomew's, Willowcroft, Quorn
Mr. G. Potter	23 Chaveney Road, Quorn
Mr. J. Simpson	181 Bradgate Road, Anstey
Mrs. J. Smith	16 Soar Road, Quorn
Mrs. M. E. Thirlby	Rawlins School
Mr. A. S. Wheldon	5 Craddock Drive, Quorn
Mrs. A. Williams	16 Wallace Road, Loughborough
Mr. C. Worcester	Rawlins School

Management Committee

Mr. A. M. Hunt	Rawlins School
Mr. H. Dermott	"Rycroft", Elms Drive, Quorn (<i>Chairman, Parish Council</i>)
Mr. Duval	St. Bartholomew's C.E. School (<i>Junior School</i>)
Mr. F. Gilbert	25 Craddock Drive, Quorn (<i>Parish Councillor</i>)
Mr. R. Hadland	55 Warwick Avenue, Quorn (<i>CC Management Committee</i>)
Mr. E. Halford	45 Barrow Road, Quorn (<i>Swimming Pool Committee</i>)
Mr. Hutcheson	Warden, Soar House, Quorn (<i>Scouts/Guides</i>)
Mr. A. K. B. Jeyes	10 Soar Road, Quorn (<i>Swimming Pool Committee – CC Management Committee – Parish Council</i>)
Mr. H. Newman	77 Leicester Road, Mountsorrel (<i>Charnwood Councillor</i>)
Mr. J. Palmer	Registrar, Rawlins School
Mrs. M. E. Thirlby	Rawlins Staff
Mrs. A. Williams	16 Wallace Road, Loughborough (<i>Am. Sw. Assn.</i>)
Mr. C. Worcester	Rawlins Staff

Appointed Staff

Pool Supervisor – Mrs. M. Wicks – Rawlins School P.E. Staff.

Changing Room Attendant – Mr. G. Burton – 82 Melton Road, Barrow-on-Soar

Pool Cleaning Attendant – Mr. T. W. James – 22 Unitt Road, Quorn

Use of Pool

Use of the pool by members of the public will be permitted outside normal school hours i.e., at the following times:

Monday to Friday	5.30 p.m. - 7 p.m.	7.30 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Saturdays	10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. 4.30 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.	1.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. 7.00 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.

At all times the continued use of the pool, either generally or specifically, will be at the discretion of the Pool Supervisor.

MEMBERSHIP is open to anyone in Quorn or the immediate neighbourhood who cares to apply

Use of the pool will be restricted to members of the Quorn Swimming Pool Club at the following charges:

Children (8-16 years)	10p per season.
Adults	20p per season.

Children under 8 years of age accompanied by an adult member do not need a membership card.

Membership cards may be obtained at Rawlins School Office, the Community College Office or the Pool Office during swimming sessions.

NO PERSON WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE POOL WITHOUT PRODUCTION OF HIS OR HER CARD

SESSION CHARGES

The following charges will be made for each session of pool use:

Weekdays	Adults - 10p. Children 8-16 years - 5p.
Weekends	Adults - 15p. Children 8-16 years - 5p.

No charge will be made for children under 8 years of age who are accompanied by an adult member of the Swimming Pool Club.

VALUABLES, CLOTHING ETC.

The Committee will accept no liability for property brought on to the site by persons using the pool.

*Quorn Swimming Pool Committee
request the pleasure of the company of*

*at the Official Opening of The Swimming Pool
on Saturday 11th May at 2.30pm*

The Ceremony will take place at the pool, which is best reached by driving down Sarson Street (off the A6) onto the Rawlins playing field, where cars may be parked.

Tea will be served afterwards in the foyer from 3.30.
RSVP to Miss M.E. Sawdon, 107B Meeting Street, Quorn.